



H.R. 3032 – To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 3032 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Walter Jones (R-NC) on July 12, 2007. The Committee on House Administration ordered the bill to be reported, as amended, by voice vote on April 2, 2008.

H.R. 3032 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on July 15, 2008.

SUMMARY

The bill amends the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (P.L. 92-225) to allow candidates for Federal office to designate an individual responsible for disbursing campaign funds in the event of the death of the candidate. H.R. 3032 also allows the candidate to designate a second individual with disbursement rights, in case the primary designee dies or is otherwise incapacitated. Candidates may designate such individuals for each relevant authorized campaign committee.

H.R. 3032 requires the candidate to file this designation with the Federal Election Commission, the agency responsible for registering this information and regulating the process.

BACKGROUND

Under current Federal law, the responsibility for disbursing campaign funds in the event of a candidate's death lies with the campaign treasurer. This legislation would allow Federal candidates to designate a separate primary and secondary individual with these disbursement rights.

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (P.L. 92-225) increased disclosure of Federal campaign contributions, and has been amended several time since its enactment. In 1974, the Act was amended to create the Federal Election Commission (FEC). The FEC is a regulatory agency which regulates Federal campaign finance regulation. The FEC is governed by six Commissioners, equally divided between political parties.

COST

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that "implementing H.R. 3032 would cost the FEC about \$500,000 in 2009." [Full CBO Cost Estimate](#)

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